

## **History 3522**

### **In Syknesse and in Helpe:**

### **History of Medicine in the Middle Ages**

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#### **Readings:**

Two books may be found at the Campus Store and on-reserve at Olin Library:

Nancy G. Siraisi, Medieval & Early Renaissance Medicine: An Introduction to Knowledge and Practice (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990).

Carole Rawcliffe, Sources for the History of Medicine in Late Medieval England (Kalamazoo: Western Michigan University, 1995).

#### **Prospectus:**

The three “texts” for this class are indicated as follows:

**Siraisi** = Nancy G. Siraisi, Medieval & Early Renaissance Medicine: An Introduction to Knowledge and Practice (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990).

**Rawcliffe** = Carole Rawcliffe, Sources for the History of Medicine in Late Medieval England (Kalamazoo: Western Michigan University, 1995).

**Lector** = Xeroxed reading packets, available at the History office and on reserve in Olin Library.

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#### **1. Hippocrates, Dioscorides, Galen and Medicine in Antiquity**

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Paul Potter, "Some Principles of Hippocratic Nosology" in Paul Potter, Gilles Maloney et Jacques Desautels (éds.), La maladie et les maladies dans la collection Hippocratique, *Actes du Vie Colloque International Hippocratique* (Québec: Éditions du Sphinx, 1990), pp. 237-53.

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John M. Riddle, "Chapter 1: Dioscorides and the Materials of Medicine" in his Dioscorides on Pharmacy and Medicine (Austin: University of Texas, 1985), pp. 1-24.

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Owsei Temkin, "Chapter 1: The Portrait of an Ideal," Galenism: Rise and Decline of a Medical Philosophy (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1973), pp. 10-40.

Galen, *De locis affectis*, pp. 45-7 {from Logan Clendening (ed.), Source Book of Medical History (New York: Dover, 1942)}

Heinrich von Staden, "The Discovery of the Body: Human Dissection and Its Cultural Contexts in Ancient Greece", *The Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine*. 1992; 65: 223-41.

## **2. Early Medieval Medicine**

**Siraisi**, pp. 1-16.

Gerhard Baader, "Early Medieval Latin Adaptations of Byzantine Medicine in Western Europe" in John Scarborough (ed.), Symposium on Byzantine Medicine, *Dumbarton Oaks Papers*, No. 38 (Washington, D.C.: Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, 1985), pp. 251-9.

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Linda E. Voigts, "Anglo-Saxon Plant Remedies and the Anglo-Saxons", *ISIS*, 1979;70:250-68.

Jesse L. Byock, "Egil's Bones", *Scientific American*, 1995,272:82-7.

Frederick S. Paxton, "Curing Bodies – Curing Souls: Hrabanus Maurus, Medical Education, and the Clergy in Ninth-Century Francia", *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, 1995;50:230-52.

Bishop Isidore of Seville in William D. Sharpe (tr.), Isidore of Seville: The Medical Writings, *Transactions of the American Philosophical Society*, vol. 54, Part 2 (Philadelphia: The American Philosophical Society, 1964), pp. 55-64

### **3. Arabic Medicine**

Lawrence I. Conrad, "The Arab-Islamic Medical Tradition" in Lawrence I. Conrad, et al. (eds.), The Western Medical Tradition, 800 B.C. to AD 1800 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995), pp. 93-138.

Nancy G. Siraisi, "The Canon of Avicenna" in her *Avicenna in Renaissance Italy*. Princeton: Princeton U. Press, 1987, pp. 19-40;

Rhazes, "A Treatise on the Small-Pox and Measles" in Logan Clendening (ed.), Source Book of Medical History (New York: Dover, 1942), pp. 72-75

Avicenna, "Canon" as excerpted in Edward Grant (ed.), A Source Book in Medieval Science (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1974), pp. 715-20.

Johannitius, "Isagoge" as excerpted in Edward Grant (ed.), A Source Book in Medieval Science (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1974), pp. 705-715.

### **4. Salerno, Chartres and the Cathedral Schools**

Charles Homer Haskins, "Chapter 1: The Historical Background" in his *The Renaissance of the Twelfth Century* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1955), pp. 3-29.

Kristeller, Paul Oskar, "The School of Salerno: Its Development and Contribution to the History of Learning", *BHM*, 1945, 17: 138-94.

Dronke, Peter, "New Approaches to the School of Chartres", *Annuario de Estudios Medievales*, 1969;6:117-140.

Jordan, Mark D., "Medicine and Natural Philosophy: Exegesis and Argument in Salernitan Teaching on the Soul" in Michael R. McVaugh and Nancy G. Siraisi, Renaissance Medical Learning: Evolution of a Tradition, *Osiris*, 1990, 6: 42-61.

Maurus of Salerno, "Commentary on the Prognostics of Hippocrates" in Morris Harold Saffron, Maurus of Salerno: Twelfth-century 'Optimus Physicus' with his Commentary on the Prognostics of Hippocrates (Philadelphia: The American Philosophical Society, 1972), pp. 54-8 (through the end of section 3).

Matthaeus Platearius, "The Rationalization of Pharmacy" excerpted in Edward Grant (ed.), A Source Book in Medieval Science (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1974), p. 787.

Gilles de Corbeil, "On Urines" excerpted in Edward Grant (ed.), A Source Book in Medieval Science (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1974), pp. 748-50.

Burnett, Charles Burnett, "The Contents and Affiliation of the Scientific Manuscripts Written at, or Brought to, Chartres in the Time of John of Salisbury" in Michael Wilks (ed.), The World of John of Salisbury (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1984): 127-137 (160).

## **5. The Rise of the Universities and the Period of Translations**

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Baldwin, John W, "Masters at Paris from 1179 to 1215" in Robert L. Benson and Giles Constable (eds.), Renaissance and Renewal in the Twelfth Century (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1982): 138-72.

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García-Ballester, Luis, Ferre Lola and Feliu Eduard, "Jewish Appreciation of Fourteenth-century Scholastic Medicine" in Michael R. McVaugh and Nancy G. Siraisi, Renaissance Medical Learning: Evolution of a Tradition, *Osiris* 6, 1990: 85-117.

## **MID-TERM PAPER DUE**

### **6. Apothecaries and Pharmacy**

Stannard, Jerry, "Medieval Herbals and their Development", *Clio Medica*, 1974;9:23-33.

Getz, Faye Marie, "Introduction" in her Healing and Society in Medieval England: A Middle English Translation of the Pharmaceutical Writings of Gilbertus Anglicus (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1991), pp. xv-xli.

McVaugh, Michael R., "Quantified Medical Theory and Practice at Fourteenth-Century Montpellier", *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 1969, 43: 397-413.

Welborn, Mary Catherine, "The Errors of the Doctors According to Friar Roger Bacon of the Minor Order", *ISIS*, 1932;18:26-54.

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### **7. The Anatomists and Surgeons: Another Form of Innovation**

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## **8. The Hospital Tradition**

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Allen, Nigel, "Hospice and Hospital in the Near East: An Instance of Continuity and Change in Late Antiquity", *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 1990; 64:446-62.

Dols, Michael W., "The Origins of the Islamic Hospital: Myth and Reality", *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 1987;61:367-90.

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Katherine Park, "Healing the Poor: Hospitals and Medical Assistance in Renaissance Florence" in Jonathan Barry and Colin Jones (eds.), Medicine and Charity Before the Welfare State (London: Routledge, 1991), pp. 26-45.

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Demaitre, Luke, "Medieval Notions of Cancer: Malignancy and Metaphor", *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 1998;72:609-37.

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Rawcliffe, Carole, "The Profits of Practice: The Wealth and Social Status of Medical Men in Later Medieval England", *Bulletin for the Society for the Social History of Medicine*, vol. 37, December, 1985: 27-30;

Gil-Sotres, Pedro, "Derivation and revulsion: The theory and practice of medieval phlebotomy" in Luis García-Ballester, et al., Practical Medicine from Salerno to the Black Death (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994): 110-55.

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## **11. Disease and its Social Impact**

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Faye Marie Getz, "Black Death and the Silver Lining: Meaning, Continuity, and Revolutionary Change in Histories of Medieval Plague", *Journal of the History of Biology*, vol. 24, Summer, 1991: 265-89.

Demaitre, Luke, "The Description and Diagnosis of Leprosy by Fourteenth-century Physicians", *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 1985;59:327-44.

Carmichael, Ann G., "The Last Past Plague: The Uses of Memory in Renaissance Epidemics", *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, 1998;53:132-60.

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## **Thanksgiving Break**

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Sweet, Victoria, "Hildegard of Bingen and the Greening of Medieval Medicine", *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 1999;73:381-403.

Monica Green, "Women's Medical Practice and Health Care in Medieval Europe", *Signs*, vol. 14, 1989: 434-73.

Cadden, Joan, "It Takes all Kinds: Sexuality and Gender Differences in Hildegard of Bingen's 'Book of Compound Medicine'", *Traditio*, 1984, 40: 149-74.



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### **13. Medicine in the Renaissance**

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Nutton, Vivian, "The Reception of Fracastoro's Theory of Contagion: The Seed that Fell among Thorns?" in Michael R. McVaugh and Nancy G. Siraisi, Renaissance Medical Learning: Evolution of a Tradition, *Osiris* 6, 1990: 196-234.

### **FINAL PAPER DUE**